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Sir:

This Amendment After Final is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 2, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 42 (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims 21-27 and 36-54 read as follows:

21. A method for preserving mucosa tissue comprising mixing a quantity of mucosa tissue with a preserving agent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen peroxide and phosphoric acid to yield the preserved mucosa tissue.